

## REMARKS

Claims 14-21 and 38-44 are allowed. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 9, 22-25 and 31-34 are canceled herein. Claims 2-3, 6, 8, 10-12, 15, 26 and 35 are amended herein.

### Claim Objections

Claims 2-3, 6, 8, 10-13, 26-30 and 35-37 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have herein rewritten Claims 2-3, 6, 8, 10-12, 26 and 35 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and therefore Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-3, 6, 8, 10-12, 26 and 35 are now allowable. Claim 13 is dependent on Claim 12 and thus is also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Claims 27-30 are dependent on Claim 26 and thus are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Claims 36-37 are dependent on Claim 35 and thus are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 2-3, 6, 8, 10-13, 26-30 and 35-37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

### 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 9, 22-25 and 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tucker et al. (US 5,926,406) in view of Deering et al. (US 5,745,125). Applicants have herein canceled Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 9, 22-25 and 31-34 without prejudice. As a result, a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection is moot at this time.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the remarks and amendments presented above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present Application.

Applicants further respectfully point out that no contested Claims remain in the present Application.

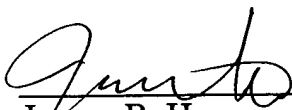
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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